REMARKS

Applicant submits this <u>SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL</u> Reply to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2006, and in reply to the Examiner Interview of March 1, 2007. Claims 1-40 were pending in the application. No new matter is added by this Reply and support for all amendments is found in the originally-filed specification, claims and drawings. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank Examiners Gilligan and Cobanoglu for the courtesies extended during the recent Examiner interview on March 1, 2007 with Applicants' attorney. During the call, the Examiners agreed that the above additional amendments shall put all of the claims in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are allowable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner wish to further discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that further amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned. If an extension of time is required, or if any other fee is required (other than an issue fee), please consider this to be a petition therefore and deduct any necessary fees from Deposit Account 19-2814.

Respectfully submitted.

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